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SUBJECT

Expected exportation of arms & other goods  
for Germany

Names involved:

A. Nielsen, German

Jong H-dong

Ranby, or Randbey, Dane

Thorgensen, Dane.

# Shanghai Municipal Police.

1906	
REGISTER	
No.	3101
Date	22 12 18
CENTRAL	Station.

December 20th, 1906 5.  
16/4/18

REPORT ON a Norweigan subject named Ranby.

Made by D.S.I. Burnside.

Forwarded by

Sir,

I beg to report having been informed that a Norweigan subject named Ranby, employed by Messrs Melchers & Coy as Captain of the s.s. "Hsin Tung" is now residing in the Astor House Hotel & a short time ago was paid a sum of \$10,000 by Germans in order that he should keep quiet over some shipment of cargo which he, together with a German, successfully dealt with (shipped) in Shanghai & it is now understood that Ranby is demanding more money in the shape of blackmail & that the cargo consisted of arms etc:

Your obedient servant,

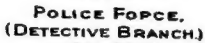
*J. Burnside*

Det: Sub Insp.

*W.D.  
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Chief Detective Inspector.

*Everett returned to Shanghai as  
per Shanghai Times 7/4/19.*



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Council.  
No. 01  
Date 2.15

December 2nd 16/4/1945

51. Sek has seen the Shoppers  
on two occasions but did not  
speak to him on the subject as  
a Customs House Officer had  
promised to let him know when  
anything happened on the 26.6 1961

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10/4/19

December 2nd

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Sir, Captain Randberg, the Norwegian Shipper who is staying at the Astor House and Chief Officer Thorgesen who is staying at the house of Mrs. Dietrich No. 13 E. Szechuan Road were yesterday notified by A. Nielsen that their services in connection with the s.s. Shintien Maru will not be required after December 1st. They have been paid their salaries up to date.

Both the men have been waiting for the ship to be loaded when they would have proceeded on a voyage to a destination which had not up to the present been disclosed.

The Captain had a contract for six months and he is stated to have engaged a lawyer to sue Nielsen for breaking the agreement.

Your Obedient Servant,

L.A.

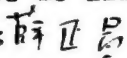
Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

C O P Y.

Nov 9th 1915.

Sir,

In connection with the seizure of arms in Hsinyin Road district on Oct 16th I beg to apply for one hundred and fifty dollars as reward to be distributed to Chinese Detective No.20 Sih Tseng Ong  and to his assistants who were instrumental in bringing about the seizure and effecting the arrest of the persons concerned.

Your Obedient Servant,



Chief Det. Inspector.

Capt. Supt of Police.



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# Shanghai Municipal Police.

Central Police

Station.

7th November

1915

## REPORT ON the Harbin Road Station seizure of arms case.

Made by D.S.I. Brewster

Forwarded by Chief Detective Insp.

Sir

Acting on your information and instructions, with D.S. Page I yesterday again made a search of the house of the principal Defendant in the above case Tong Tsz Dau 董贊才 who has now been released on security and still lives at No 804 Wooschang Road. Masons were employed and they removed a part of the back wall of the house in order that a thorough search might be made but nothing of a suspicious nature was found.

The wall was rebuilt and the expenses incurred amounted to \$2.00.

Your Obedient Servant

W. S. Brewster

D.S.I.

The Chief Det Insp.

W. S. Brewster

## Shanghai Municipal Police.

1906

Central

No.

Date

Station

November 5

1915

REPORT ON

S/S Shien Lee Mary

Made by Insp. E. C.

Forwarded by

Sir,

The S/S Shien Lee Mary was brought by  
 Cheong, one of the 5 Hongkong Road acting as agent.  
 The ship has been here for some time but being some  
 dispute between the buyers and sellers, and according  
 to reports the deal may fall through. The Customs searched  
 the ship but found nothing. It is believed that she is to be  
 used for the exportation of arms, if her purchase is arranged.  
 The Customs will keep her under close observation.

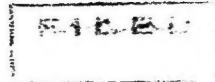
Your obedient servant  
 A. C. T.

C. D. T.

Nov 6/15



S. M. H. POLICE  
 1906  
 REGISTER  
 No. 3101  
 Date 8-11-15



November 3rd

The Captain Superintendent of Police.

Sir,

The "Shinten Maru", which is at present in the International Dock, is said to be ostensibly owned by Chinese, but is chartered by A. Nielsen.

The Captain's name is Randbey. He is a Dane who has been living in the Astor House for some time, his expenses being paid by Nielsen.

The Chief Officer is a Norwegian named Thergensen who lives at the boarding house of Mrs Diedrichsen, No. 12 North Szechuen Road, and he gives information to the effect that if the Customs House people examine the cargo thoroughly, they will get a surprise.

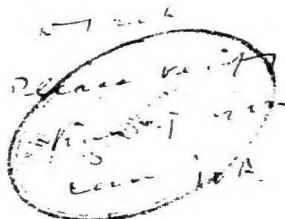
He has been engaged in Shanghai, has drawn his pay for two months, but has only been to the ship on one occasion when he went on board to have a look round.

She should have sailed about three weeks ago but has been held back, he thinks, on account of the recent seizure of arms by the Municipal Police.

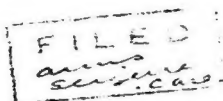
He does not know the ship's destination.

Your obedient servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.



## Shanghai Municipal Police.

S. M. POLICE.  
1196  
REGISTRYHarbin Road Station.  
4th November 1915.

## REPORT ON

Made by

W. S. Page

Forwarded by

Sir,  
I respectfully beg to report that  
the names of the ships contained  
in the list of Tong So Dan are  
the "Takema" Maru and the  
"Koto" Maru.

I beg to remain,  
Sir.

Your obedient servant.

W. S. Page

Det. Sgt.

The Chief Det. Inspector.

Head quarters.

1907

November 1st

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Sir,

Japanese interpreter Nakai reports that he has information to the effect that 14 barrels stored in the N.Y.K. No. 2 godown and declared to be filled with cement contain, 400 Browning and 800 mauser pistols with 100 rounds of ammunition for each.

There are more than 200 barrels of cement in No. 2 godown belonging to various owners and it is impossible to say which of the 14 contain the pistols.

Your Obedient Servant,

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

# Shanghai Municipal Police.

1906

Central Police

Station.

30th October

1915

REPORT ON the S.S. Rio Pasig.

Made by D.S.I. Brewster

Forwarded by

Sir

I have been confidentially informed that much of the cargo of the above vessel, which has not yet sailed, consists of beans, and other somewhat similar oil producing Chinese products.

Your Obedient Servant

*W. Brewster*

D.S.I.

Chief Det Insp.

# Shanghai Municipal Police.

Central Police

30th October

Station.

1915

REPORT ON further enquiries re Nielsen.

Made by D.S.I. Brewster

Forwarded by

Sir

I have now ascertained that Nielsen, the German implicate in the Harbin Road arms case, runs a small motor boat named the Nina, in which he makes frequent visits to Pootung and also up and down the River. One of these trips was made last Saturday evening when it was raining heavily and a pleasure trip out of the question. It is possible that he uses the boat to communicate with a depot for the storage of arms, the existence of which, somewhere outside the settlement, seems certain.

Your Obedient Servant

*W.B. Brewster*

D.S.I.

Chief Det Insp.

*Retained all my checks.*

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**For Foreign Ports**

**S/S RIO PASIG**

(American Flag)

This steamer will load on the berth for San Francisco, October 18th to 22nd.

Through bills of lading issued to all points in the United States, via overland railroads, also to New York via Panama Canal.

Outport cargo may be consigned to the undersigned for forwarding. For freight rates and space reservations, apply to

**L. EVERETT,**

Agent for

Norton and Harrison Co. (Manila)

Time-charterers

1a, Jinkee Road. Phone 1931

Cable address "LEVERETT."



POLICE FORCE,  
(DETECTIVE BRANCH)

1906  
Shanghai Municipal Council.

October 20th

1916

Sir,

It is reported that the s.s. Rio Pasig referred to on attached newspaper cutting is taking on board copper and leather the destination of which is Germany,

It is rather significant that the office of Everett the agent for the steamer is next to that occupied by Nielsen at 1A Jinkee Road and that Tong Ts Dong 董贊德 the man arrested at Harbin Road Station who was doing Nielsen's work in connection with the intended shipment of arms had in his possession a number of papers showing that he was making certain arrangements with Everett in connection with shipping.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Armstrong

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

1906  
REGISTRATION  
No. 3101  
Date 27-10-15

October 20th

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Your Obedient Servant,

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Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.